

ATTACHMENT - CLAIMS LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing an injectable trace element solution, said method consisting essentially of the steps of:

- (a) preparing a single solution comprising more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process by suspending either disodium EDTA in water or suspending EDTA acid in water with sodium hydroxide, and adding a at least one metal compound selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates to the EDTA solution to form the EDTA-complex, wherein the at least one metal compound comprises at least chromium; and
- (b) adding sodium selenite to the solution of EDTA-complexes to form the trace element solution;

wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one of the additional metal cation components selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, and molybdenum-and chromium.

4. (Original) A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises at least ~~four~~three components selected from the group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium, ~~chromium~~ and copper.

11. (Currently Amended) An injectable trace element solution comprising zinc, manganese, selenium and copper, and having atotal metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

12. (Currently Amended) An injectable trace element solution comprising ~~at least four components~~chromium and at least three other components selected from the

group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium, chromium and copper, and comprising a metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises:

- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
- (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
- (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
- (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
- (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.

14. (Previously Presented) An injectable trace element solution comprising:

- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
- (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
- (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
- (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
- (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration of 60 mg/ml.

16. (New) The injectable trace element solution of claim 12, wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration comprises of 60 mg/ml.